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GUERRILLA ACTIVITY, UNREST, AND SHORTAGES INCREASING IN BULGARIA -- Istanbul,
Cumhuriyet, 10 Dec 53

Guerrilla activity is spreading in Bulgaria, according to reports reach-
ing Berlin. During the past 3 months, 9,000 Bulgarians have been sent to con-
centration camps. Since food shortages are increasing the unrest in the coun-
try, the Bulgarian government has requested foodstuffs from the USSR.

Athens, Eleftheros Logos, 15 Nov 53

According to a report published by the Stuttgarter Zeitung, the guerrillas
in the Bulgarian mountains are led by Popov, a former general on the Bulgarian
general staff.

Milan, Corriere della Sera, 1 Dec 53

Vienna, 30 November 1953 -- Bulgarians are forced to sit in the dark in
their homes until 2130 hours each night as a result of the Government's decision
to cut down electric power consumption. Other regulations provide that all
factories with a single shift [during 24 hours] are to operate between 2200
and 0600 hours, and all street lights and lights in public places will be re-
duced by 50 percent in brightness.

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Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 12 Dec 53

Vienna, 11 December (Nafen) -- Many Bulgarian factories have closed down as a result of the increasing shortage of raw materials, according to recent reports. Shoe and textile factories, especially have been affected, while operations in iron and steel mills have been slowed down.

Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 21 Oct 53

A Bulgarian student who escaped after having worked in the "Khadzi Dimitur" Mine, one of the "Chumerna" mines, reports great unrest there. The mining equipment is obsolete and last year's plan could not be achieved. The 1953 production is 20 percent lower than foreseen.

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SUGAR SCARCE IN RUMANIA -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 10 Nov 53

Sugar has become scarce in Rumania. Monthly rations vary between 250 and 400 grams, according to the type of ration cards issued to the individual. Small 100-gram packages of sugar are selling on the black market for 3.50-4.00 lei each.

PLANS TO BUILD BUCHAREST SUBWAY DROPPED -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 10 Nov 53

It seems that plans to build a subway in Bucharest have been dropped. Since the plan was announced, only preliminary borings were made in a few places.

HARVEST CAUSES CHAOS ON GDR RAILROADS -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 27 Oct 53

Berlin, 26 October (by special correspondent) -- Harvest shipments in the GDR have led to complete chaos in the railroad traffic, according to informed sources.

Freight trains block traffic for hours and passenger trains are being delayed. Arrangements made a few days ago give freight trains priority over all other traffic, including zonal express trains. A second reason for the traffic chaos is the shortage of equipment and rolling stock in the GDR. Railroad cars returned by the Soviets after the confiscation in 1945 are worn out and cannot be used for passenger traffic.

Last year similar chaos occurred during the turnip harvest. This was one of the reasons why the former GDR Minister of Traffic, Reingruber, was forced to resign.

CLASHES OCCURRING IN POLAND -- Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 30 Nov 53

Berlin, 29 November (Nafen) -- Reports are being received here that there have been clashes between the villagers and police in the Poznan area in Poland, resulting in the mass arrests of villagers.

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HARVESTING DIFFICULTIES IN HUNGARY -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 17 Nov 53

Reliable information indicates that the Hungarian government has not been able to profit by this year's good harvest. A good part of the production has been lost through slow harvesting and threshing. Since threshing machines were suddenly found to be out of order, it is believed that the peasants committed sabotage.

DISSATISFACTION REPORTED FROM UPPER SILESIA -- Hannover, Hannoversche Presse, 31 Oct 53

Stalinograd, the center of the Upper Silesian industrial region, houses most of the authorities. All larger shops are state-operated and have well-stocked show windows, which together with the heavy street traffic give the impression of a lively, flourishing city.

However, industry failed to reach the 1952 production quota. There is open dissatisfaction among the population, despite suppression and a flourishing informant system. Freedom-loving Silesians are trying to show their defiance wherever they can. During the winter, for instance, slogans were found on walls during the morning: "Where is our coal?" "Why must we freeze?" "Upper Silesian coal should first go to Upper Silesians!"

SABOTAGE AT HUNGARIAN MILITARY AIRFIELD -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 17 Nov 53

Police are investigating a serious act of sabotage which took place at a military airport located 4 kilometers from the Gyongyos-Matrafured highway. Four explosions destroyed most of the hangars and damaged the runway. The airport was built a few months ago.

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